

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) An elevated toilet seat assembly mountable on a toilet bowl having an upper rim, the toilet seat assembly comprising:

a) a mounting bracket having a base portion connectable to the toilet bowl, at ~~least one said base portion having a first end portion attached to the base portion and extending~~ which extends beyond the perimeter of the upper rim when the mounting bracket is attached to a the toilet bowl, and a first attachment element ~~connected to~~ extending from a front edge of the first end portion of the mounting bracket; and

b) a seating ring including a riser engageable with the upper rim of a the toilet bowl, and a second attachment element releasably engageable with the first attachment element.

2. (currently amended) The toilet seat assembly of claim 1 wherein the ~~mounting bracket~~ base portion further comprises a second end portion ~~attached to the base portion opposite said one first end portion, and said mounting bracket~~ further comprising two first attachment elements ~~connected to~~ extending from the first and second end portions and two second attachment elements formed on the seating ring which are releasably engageable with the first attachment elements.

3. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 2 wherein the first attachment elements are spaced apart from one another sufficiently to provide access to the base portion for attachment of a standard toilet seat.

4. (currently amended) ~~The toilet seat assembly of claim 1~~ An elevated toilet seat assembly mountable on a toilet bowl having an upper rim, the toilet seat assembly comprising:

a mounting bracket having a base portion connectable to the toilet bowl, at least on end portion attached to the base portion and extending beyond the perimeter of the upper rim when the mounting bracket is attached to the toilet bowl, and a first attachment element connected to the end portion of the mounting bracket; and

a seating ring including a riser engageable with the upper rim of the toilet bowl, and a second attachment element releasably engageable with the first attachment element;

wherein the first attachment element comprises a jaw and a latch extending from the end portion of the bracket in spaced relation to one another to define a receiving socket therebetween.

5. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 4 wherein one of the jaw and latch is flexible to permit entry and exit of the second attachment element to and from the receiving socket.

6. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 4 wherein the second attachment element comprises a catch formed on the seating ring for releasable engagement with the jaw and latch by means of entry to and exit from the receiving socket.

7. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 6 wherein the seating ring includes a receptacle for receiving the jaw and a pocket for receiving the latch, the catch being defined between the receptacle and the pocket.

8. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 4 wherein the latch comprises a base plate and an upstanding pawl connected to the base plate.

9. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 8 wherein the pawl extends toward the jaw.

10. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 9 wherein the pawl has a front edge that is beveled on the side opposite the receiving socket.

11. (currently amended) An elevated toilet seat assembly mountable on a toilet bowl having an upper rim, the toilet seat assembly comprising:

a) a mounting bracket having a base portion connectable to the toilet bowl, and a first attachment element; and

b) a seating ring including a riser engageable with the upper rim of a the toilet bowl, and a second attachment element releasably engageable with the first attachment element, one of the first and second attachment element comprising a jaw and a latch extending in spaced relation to one another to define a receiving socket therebetween, and the other of the first and second attachment elements comprising a catch for releasable engagement with the jaw and latch by means of entry to and exit from the receiving socket.

12. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 11 wherein the mounting bracket further comprises first and second end portions attached to the base portion opposite said one end portion.

13. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 12 further comprising an additional first attachment element, the two first attachment elements being connected to the first

and second end portions, and an additional second attachment element formed on the seating ring, the two second attachment elements being releasably engageable with the first attachment elements.

14. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 13 wherein the first attachment elements are spaced apart from one another sufficiently to provide access to the base portion for attachment of a standard toilet seat.

15. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 11 wherein one of the jaw and latch is flexible to permit entry and exit of the second attachment element to and from the receiving socket.

16. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 15 further comprising an elastomeric pad disposed between the base portion and said one of the jaw and latch.

17. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 11 wherein said other of the first and second attachment elements includes a receptacle for receiving the jaw and a pocket for receiving the latch, the catch being defined between the receptacle and the pocket.

18. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 11 wherein the latch comprises a base plate and an upstanding pawl connected to the base plate.

19. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 18 wherein the pawl extends toward the jaw.

20. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 19 wherein the pawl has a front edge that is beveled on the side opposite the receiving socket.

21. (currently amended) An elevated toilet seat for removable engagement with a toilet bowl having an upper rim, said toilet seat comprising:

a) a mounting bracket removably attachable to the toilet bowl and including a first attachment element extending from a front edge of an end portion of the mounting bracket;
and

b) a seating ring including a riser, a second attachment element and a pair of wings extending from the sides of said seating ring, the first attachment element being releasably engageable with the second attachment element.

22. (currently amended) An elevated toilet seat for removable engagement with a toilet bowl having an upper rim, said toilet seat comprising:

a) a mounting bracket removably attachable to the toilet bowl and including a first attachment element; and

b) a seating ring including a riser, a second attachment element and a pair of wings extending from the sides of said seating ring, the first attachment element being releasably engageable with the second attachment element,

The elevated toilet seat of claim 21 wherein the first attachment element comprises a jaw and a latch.

23. (original) The elevated toilet seat of claim 22 wherein the latch is removably attached to the mounting bracket.

24. (original) The elevated toilet seat of claim 21 wherein the second attachment element includes a receptacle and a pocket which define a catch therebetween.

25. (currently amended) The elevated toilet seat of claim 24 wherein the catch further comprises a lip on the underside thereof.

26. (original) The elevated toilet seat of claim 21 wherein the wings further contain openings for attachment of an external apparatus.

27. (original) The elevated toilet seat of claim 26 wherein said external apparatus is an armrest.

28. (original) The elevated toilet seat of claim 26 wherein said external apparatus is an auxiliary basket.

29. (currently amended) A method of installing an elevated toilet seat having a seating ring with a second attachment element formed thereon on a toilet bowl having an upper rim and a standard toilet seat, comprising the steps of:

a. removing the standard toilet seat from the toilet;

b. attaching to the upper rim of the toilet bowl a mounting bracket having a first attachment element extending from a front edge of an end portion of said mounting bracket;
and

c. engaging the second attachment element with the first attachment element and pushing the elevated toilet seat toward the mounting bracket.

30. (original) The method of claim 29 further comprising the step of re-attaching the standard toilet seat to the mounting bracket.